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# New Resource Explains How Schools Must Address Online and Digital Harassment under Title IX Regulations

Today, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) released a new resource to explain that Title IX regulations require schools to address sexual harassment in their education program or activity—even when such harassment occurs online or using emergent technologies such as artificial intelligence.

[\*Online or Digital Sexual Harassment under the 2020 Title IX Regulations: A Resource for Students, Families, and Educators\*](#) explains schools' obligations under the 2020 Title IX regulations.\* Designed to inform students, parents, and educators of their rights under Title IX, this new resource includes answers to frequently asked questions, including:

- What is online or digital sexual harassment?
- What is a school's responsibility to address such harassment under Title IX?
- What can a student do if they experience online or digital sexual harassment that's covered by Title IX?

This resource makes clear that under Title IX and its implementing regulations, students have the right to an educational environment free from sexual harassment—no matter what form such harassment takes.

Anyone who believes that a school has discriminated against a student based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age can file a complaint of discrimination with OCR. To file a complaint, visit [OCR's Electronic Complaint System](#) webpage. OCR is available to provide technical assistance on the application of its laws to discrimination on these bases. To request training, please contact OCR at [OCR@ed.gov](mailto:OCR@ed.gov).

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\* The Department's Title IX regulations were amended in 2020 ([2020 Notice of Final Rule](#); [2020 Title IX regulations](#)) and again in 2024 ([2024 Notice of Final Rule](#); [2024 Title IX regulations](#)). On January 9, 2025, a federal district court issued a decision vacating the 2024 Final Rule. Consistent with the court's order, the 2024 Title IX regulations are not effective in any jurisdiction.

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